(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring forward an amending Bill before Parliament with a view to removing all the flaws in the Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This question is under consideration.

Setting up of Vishwa Hindi Vidyapeeth

*34. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 329 given in the Rajya Sabha on 9th August, 1989 and state:

(a) whether the matter regarding the setting up of Vishwa Hindi Vidyapeeth has since been examined by Government; and

(b) if so, what follow up action has been taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) and (b) In reply to Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 329, it was stated that the matter would be examined keeping in view, *inter alia* the overall resource constraints. Such examination has been undertaken with particular reference to the concept of Zero-base budgeting. It has been decided that the proposal may not be taken up for implementation for the present.

Projects Pending for Environmental Clearance

*35. SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a act that a number of projects of the country are pending with Government for environmental clearance;

(b) if so, what was the total number of such projects upto November, 1989 on which decision could not be taken; and

(c) what is the number of those projects out of these which had been under consideration for two or more years and on which final decision has yet to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A total of 146 projects were awaiting decision for environmental clearance on 30th November, 1989.

(c) Thirty of these projects have been under consideration for two or more than two years.

Establishment of a Regional Centre for Research on Atmospheric Science in Orissa

*36. SHRI BASUDEB MOHARATRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what action Government have taken on the scheme submitted by the Orissa Government for establishment of a Regional Centre for Research in Atmospheric Science;

(b) if no action has been taken so far, by when the said scheme is likely to be cleared by the Central Government; and

(c) what is the estimated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): (a) There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.